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SYNTHESIS OF MATTE BEADS CONTAINING CARBOXYLIC ACID AND THEIR USE IN PHOTOGRAPHIC ELEMENTS

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

- 1. (Amended.)** A process for making polymeric particles comprising:
polymerizing [an] ethylenically unsaturated monomers as a dispersed
phase suspended in an aqueous phase,
wherein the ethylenically unsaturated monomers comprise at least one
monomer A and at least one monomer B, wherein monomer A is an ethylenically
unsaturated monomer containing a carboxylic acid group and monomer B is a
water-insoluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer,
said aqueous phase containing a water-insoluble particulate stabilizer
having a size of less than 100 nm and effective amount of water-soluble inorganic
salt to allow formation of stable monomer droplets in the aqueous phase, said

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